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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Bengt GUSS et al.

Serial No. 09/147,405

Filed: April 1, 1999

For: New Fibrinogen Binding Protein Originating
From Coagulase-Negative Staphylococcus



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 3, 2000, the period for response has been extended to March 3, 2001, by filing a petition for a two month extension of time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the below claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) Purified staphylococcus epidermidis protein or polypeptide having fibrinogen binding activity, [wherein said purified protein or polypeptide originates from a staphylococcus epidermidis].

REMARKS

The examiner has rejected claims 1 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the examiner urges that the claims are indefinite due to the use of the term "originates" which is not clearly defined. Accordingly, applicant has made an appropriate revision to claim 1 to overcome this rejection.